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SUBJ: PERMANENT SEAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

1. AT THE GENEVA GROUP MEETING APRIL 29, AUSTRALIAN COUNSELOR PAUL ALPEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE IFAD CATEGORY I (OECD/DAC) COUNTRIES' CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SESSIONS, INFORMED THE GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES MOST OF THE CATEGORY I COUNTRIES, THAT A HIGH IRANIAN OFFICIAL IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH AN AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN TEHRAN HAD INDICATED THAT IRAN IS ABANDONING ITS CAMPAIGN TO OBTAIN THE PERMANENT SEAT OF IFAD. ALPEN SAID THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAD CHECKED THIS WITH SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSIES IN TEHRAN (NOT INCLUDING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY), AND THEY HAVE THE SAME IMPRESSION.

2. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO FAO BORIN SAID HE HAD SIMILAR INFORMATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE HAS LEARNED THAT IRANIAN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO MANSURI HAS JUST RECEIVED A NEW DIRECTIVE FROM THE IRANIAN AGRICULTURE MINISTER TO RAISE THE SEAT QUESTION IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE IFAD GOVERNING COUNCIL. BORIN ADDED THAT ITALY HAS SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTES PRESENTING ITSELF AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PERMANENT SEAT, FOR THE RECORD, BUT ITALY HAS NO INTENTION OF RAISING THE ISSUE IN IFAD MEETINGS. GARDNER UNQUOTE VANCE

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